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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Naoki TAKAHASHI, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 9518
Application No.: 09/970,084	:	Group Art Unit: 2626
Filed: October 04, 2001	:	Examiner: Charlotte M. Baker
For: IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND PROCESSING APPARATUS	:	

**AMENDMENT FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 9, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including figures explaining differences between the claimed invention and the prior art is attached.